

JS 44C/SDNY
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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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PLAINTIFFS
Moshe Smilowitz, et al.
(see attached)

DEFENDANTS
THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
ANN PRUSINSKI, and RODNEY GAEBEL, individually and
in their official capacities,

ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
(see attached)

ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)

CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE)
(DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY)

(see attached)

Has this action, case, or proceeding, or one essentially the same been previously filed in SDNY at any time? No ☒ Yes ☐ Judge Previously Assigned

If yes, was this case Vol. ☐ Invol. ☐ Dismissed. No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, give date _____ & Case No. _____

IS THIS AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CASE?

No ☒ Yes ☐

(PLACE AN [x] IN ONE BOX ONLY)

NATURE OF SUIT

TORTS

ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES

CONTRACT

- [] 110 INSURANCE
[] 120 MARINE
[] 130 MILLER ACT
[] 140 NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT
[] 150 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT & ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENT
[] 151 MEDICARE ACT
[] 152 RECOVERY OF DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS (EXCL VETERANS)
[] 153 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT OF VETERAN'S BENEFITS
[] 160 STOCKHOLDERS SUITS
[] 190 OTHER CONTRACT
[] 195 CONTRACT PRODUCT LIABILITY
[] 196 FRANCHISE

REAL PROPERTY

- [] 210 LAND CONDEMNATION
[] 220 FORECLOSURE
[] 230 RENT LEASE & EJECTMENT
[] 240 TORTS TO LAND
[] 245 TORT PRODUCT LIABILITY
[] 290 ALL OTHER REAL PROPERTY

PERSONAL INJURY

- [] 310 AIRPLANE
[] 315 AIRPLANE PRODUCT LIABILITY
[] 320 ASSAULT, LIBEL & SLANDER
[] 330 FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY
[] 340 MARINE
[] 345 MARINE PRODUCT LIABILITY
[] 350 MOTOR VEHICLE
[] 355 MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCT LIABILITY
[] 360 OTHER PERSONAL INJURY
[] 362 PERSONAL INJURY - MED MALPRACTICE

ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES

CIVIL RIGHTS

- [] 440 OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS (Non-Prisoner)
[x] 441 VOTING
[] 442 EMPLOYMENT
[] 443 HOUSING/
ACCOMMODATIONS
[] 445 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES - EMPLOYMENT
[] 446 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES - OTHER
[] 448 EDUCATION

PERSONAL INJURY

- [] 367 HEALTHCARE/
PHARMACEUTICAL PERSONAL INJURY/PRODUCT LIABILITY
[] 365 PERSONAL INJURY PRODUCT LIABILITY
[] 368 ASBESTOS PERSONAL INJURY PRODUCT LIABILITY

PERSONAL PROPERTY

- [] 370 OTHER FRAUD
[] 371 TRUTH IN LENDING

- [] 380 OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE
[] 385 PROPERTY DAMAGE PRODUCT LIABILITY

PRISONER PETITIONS

- [] 463 ALIEN DETAINEE
[] 510 MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE
28 USC 2255
[] 530 HABEAS CORPUS
[] 535 DEATH PENALTY
[] 540 MANDAMUS & OTHER

PRISONER CIVIL RIGHTS

- [] 550 CIVIL RIGHTS
[] 555 PRISON CONDITION
[] 560 CIVIL DETAINEE CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT

FORFEITURE/PENALTY

- [] 625 DRUG RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY
21 USC 881
[] 690 OTHER

LABOR

- [] 710 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT
[] 720 LABOR/MGMT RELATIONS
[] 751 FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA)
[] 790 OTHER LABOR LITIGATION
[] 791 EMPL RET INC SECURITY ACT

IMMIGRATION

- [] 462 NATURALIZATION APPLICATION
[] 465 OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS

BANKRUPTCY

- [] 422 APPEAL
28 USC 158
[] 423 WITHDRAWAL
28 USC 157

PROPERTY RIGHTS

- [] 820 COPYRIGHTS
[] 830 PATENT
[] 840 TRADEMARK

SOCIAL SECURITY

- [] 861 HIA (1395ff)
[] 862 BLACK LUNG (923)
[] 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))
[] 864 SSD TITLE XVI
[] 865 RSI (405(g))

FEDERAL TAX SUITS

- [] 870 TAXES (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)
[] 871 IRS-THIRD PARTY
26 USC 7609

OTHER STATUTES

- [] 375 FALSE CLAIMS
[] 400 STATE REAPPORTIONMENT
[] 410 ANTITRUST
[] 430 BANKS & BANKING
[] 450 COMMERCE
[] 460 DEPORTATION
[] 470 RACKETEER INFLUENCED & CORRUPT ORGANIZATION ACT (RICO)
[] 480 CONSUMER CREDIT
[] 490 CABLE/SATELLITE TV
[] 850 SECURITIES/COMMODITIES/EXCHANGE
[] 890 OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS
[] 891 AGRICULTURAL ACTS
[] 893 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS
[] 895 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
[] 896 ARBITRATION
[] 899 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT/REVIEW OR APPEAL OF AGENCY DECISION
[] 950 CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES

Check if demanded in complaint:

☒ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DO YOU CLAIM THIS CASE IS RELATED TO A CIVIL CASE NOW PENDING IN S.D.N.Y.? IF SO, STATE:

DEMAND \$ As Proven OTHER Injunction

JUDGE Katherine B. Forrest

DOCKET NUMBER 14 CV 7250

Check YES only if demanded in complaint

JURY DEMAND: ☒ YES ☐ NO

NOTE: You must also submit at the time of filing the Statement of Relatedness form (Form IH-32).

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ORIGIN

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
 ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
 ☐ a. all parties represented
 ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
 ☐ b. At least one party is pro se.
 ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
 ☐ 5 Transferred from (Specify District)
 ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
 ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge Judgment

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BASIS OF JURISDICTION

IF DIVERSITY, INDICATE CITIZENSHIP BELOW.

- ☐ 1 U.S. PLAINTIFF
 ☐ 2 U.S. DEFENDANT
 ☒ 3 FEDERAL QUESTION (U.S. NOT A PARTY)
 ☐ 4 DIVERSITY

CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY)

(Place an [X] in one box for Plaintiff and one box for Defendant)

CITIZEN OF THIS STATE	PTF DEF [] []	CITIZEN OR SUBJECT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY	PTF DEF [] []	INCORPORATED and PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN ANOTHER STATE	PTF DEF [] []
CITIZEN OF ANOTHER STATE	[] []	INCORPORATED or PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE	[] []	FOREIGN NATION	[] []

PLAINTIFF(S) ADDRESS(ES) AND COUNTY(IES)
(see attached)

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Ann Prusinski and Rodney Gaebel
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REPRESENTATION IS HEREBY MADE THAT, AT THIS TIME, I HAVE BEEN UNABLE, WITH REASONABLE DILIGENCE, TO ASCERTAIN RESIDENCE ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS:

Check one: THIS ACTION SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO: ☐ WHITE PLAINS ☒ MANHATTAN
(DO NOT check either box if this a PRISONER PETITION/PRISONER CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT.)

DATE 3-9-2015 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN THIS DISTRICT

☐ NO
☒ YES (DATE ADMITTED Mo. 04 Yr. 2004)
 Attorney Bar Code # 5241476

RECEIPT #

Magistrate Judge is to be designated by the Clerk of the Court.

Magistrate Judge _____ is so Designated.

Ruby J. Krajick, Clerk of Court by _____ Deputy Clerk, DATED _____

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT (NEW YORK SOUTHERN)

Addendum to Civil Cover Sheet (Form JS-44C)

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III. CAUSE OF ACTION

Plaintiffs have filed this lawsuit to stop the Sullivan County Board of Elections from disenfranchising Hasidic Jewish voters in the Village of Bloomingburg in Sullivan County, New York. Defendants, without cause and adequate explanation, have purported to annul the votes and cancel the voter registrations of Hasidic Jews who reside in Bloomingburg and are eligible to vote there. Defendants' actions violate the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 52 U.S.C. §§ 10301, 10307, and 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Defendants seeks damages and injunctive relief.

IV. PLAINTIFFS' ADDRESSES

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